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1. President Magazine Article

I have spoken with Dermot Gatenby at PMKK about your suggestion that you make a preliminary contact now and try to schedule a meeting with either Dr. Iketa or Dr. Akiyama in London in connection with the conference to be held there on January 20. Dermot and I both agree that this seems to offer a good opportunity for you to communicate PM's views to JTI in a low-key, collegial manner. Subject to any comments Chuck Wall or Greg Fowler may have, we suggest you pursue this approach. Dermot will get in touch with his counterpart at JTI and mention that we have seen the article and that you will be getting in touch with Dr. Iketa or Dr. Akiyama to offer PM's views on some of the subjects discussed in the article.

2. ETS Cases

I understand that under a procedure established by Steve Parrish reports on ETS issues are periodically sent to PMKK for transmittal to JTI. Dermot Gatenby will try to determine the details of this procedure and, in particular, the name of the person at JTI to whom the materials are sent. Perhaps it is the Dr. Okawa whom you mentioned during our conversation today. It does not appear that we have any established channel for obtaining information, or offering assistance, with respect to the current ETS cases or any other smoking and health litigation in Japan. I expect this is an issue Greg Fowler will want to address when he takes up his post in Australia next month. We understand that JTI is not a party to the ETS litigation, but one would think they are following it closely if not providing assistance to the government.

Dermot and I agree that it would also be helpful for you to get in touch with Dr. Okawa and try to meet with him at the time of his visit to London on January 19. Unfortunately, we do not know the schedule of the ETS cases and whether any significant developments might occur before then. Could you perhaps try to get some sense of the status of the cases, and the opportunity for PM to offer assistance, in a preliminary telephone call to Dr. Okawa?

Best regards,

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